



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 1631

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: A. Marschel
TADASHI OKAMOTO, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 1631
Application No.: 09/931,048)
: Filed: August 17, 2001)
: For: PROCESS FOR DETECTING)
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: (As Amended)) November 4, 2004

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AMENDMENT

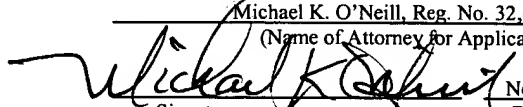
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended from August 4, 2004 to November 4, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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